

## **Abstract**

**Title:** Activities of the European Cyclists' Federation as a part of European tourism

**Objectives:** The thesis is focused on cycling tourism in relation to European tourism, European Union policy and global policy of the world organizations. The aim is to present the activities of the European Cyclists' Federation, characterize the organization and analyze its biggest project – the development of the European network of long-distance cycling routes EuroVelo. This case study also shows the way of cooperation of a non-governmental organization, the European Union and world organizations in order to support the development of cycling tourism and fulfill the objectives of the European Union policy and global policy of world organizations.

**Methods:** The information has been obtained by document analysis and by communication with the former Vice President of the European Cyclists' Federation and currently a member of the Executive Board of EuroVelo within the ECF.

**Results:** Used methods have brought enough information to create complete description of the European Cyclists' Federation and its activities including the EuroVelo project. The result is a complex text that shows the importance of cycling (and thus activities of ECF) for the society and demonstrates the cooperation of organizations at all levels in order to promote cycling as a means for improving the overall quality of life. The document provides some interesting information for those engaged in the use of bicycles as well as for bike tourists. This includes the EuroVelo routes overview and suggestions for bike tourists using the parts of the routes located in the Czech Republic.

**Keywords:** European tourism, cycling tourism, European Cyclists' Federation, cycle route network, EuroVelo